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- [11](#). This cable responds to the action requested in reftel.
- [12](#). SUMMARY: Post has verified that the Honduran Air Force has contracted with ENAER (Empresa Nacional de Aeronautica) in Santiago, Chile to support the repair of Honduran C-130 and F-5 aircraft for the 2002-2005 time frame. END SUMMARY.
- [13](#). Poloff confirmed with DAO and U.S. MilGroup officials that the Honduran Air Force recently entered into a \$10 million contract with ENAER of Santiago, Chile for the repair and maintenance of the Air Force's C-130, F-5 and A-37 aircraft. Post understands that the contract is for the time frame 2002-2005.
- [14](#). According to DAO and MilGroup, the \$3 million worth of spare parts for the routine repair and maintenance of the aircraft is consistent with the reported \$10 million dollar contract with ENAER.
- [15](#). MilGroup reports that one of the Honduran Air Force's C-130s has already been refurbished by the Chilean company, and that it was delivered to the Hondurans in January 2002.

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